

No claims are added.

Claims 1-24, 47-51, and 57-59 remain pending in the application and have been allowed. Claims 1-24, 47-51, and 57-59 can pass to issuance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 25-31, 33-46, and 60-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carlson (US 6,488,721) in view of Liu et al. (US 6,159,544).

These rejections are moot based on cancellation without prejudice of all of claims 25-31, 33-46, and 60-70.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-24, 47-51 and 57-59 are allowed. These claims remain in the application for issuance.

Conclusion

Pending claims 1-24, 47-51 and 57-59 are allowed and can pass to issuance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

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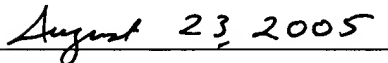
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